

Updates from the Jody Connor Limnology Center (JCLC)

- Cyanobacteria pilot project
- Lake trophic surveys
- Equipment grants
- Citizen science lecture series
- Exotic species grants



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Regional Cyanobacteria Pilot Project

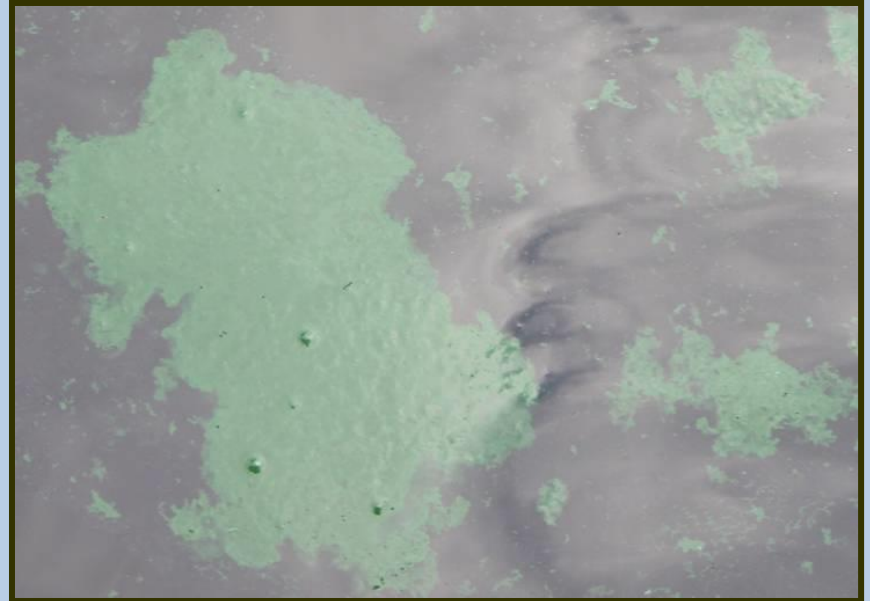
Cyanobacteria produce biotoxins

Toxins stored in cells are released when cell dies

Health effects: Liver and nerve damage

EPA region 1 pilot project

- Uses water collected by volunteers to estimate amount of cyanobacteria present
- Relies on fluorometry to measure pigment (phycocyanin)
- Goal is to establish relative levels of phycocyanin production and relate to bloom observations
- Participation by is voluntary and will require minimal additional work
- No charge for analysis



Lake Trophic Surveys

History and Future

- 1975 – 2008, 780 Surveys
- Re-initiated 2013
- Watershed based approach
- Target is 8 – 10 lakes / year
- 3 year commitment
- By 2015 ~30 lakes / year

2013

<u>Lake/Pond</u>	<u>Town</u>
Lake Francis	Clarksville
Third Connecticut Lake	Pittsburg
Oliverian Brook Pond	Benton
Loon Pond	Lincoln
Island Pond	New Ipswich
Mountain Pond	New Ipswich
Lily Pond	Gilford
Sondogardy Pond	Northfield
Walker Pond	Boswcawen
Little Pond	Webster

Timeline for Sampling

Year 1 – Water chemistry, depth survey, plant survey (August)

Year 2 – Water chemistry (July)

Year 3 – Water chemistry (June)

2014

<u>Lake/Pond</u>	<u>Town</u>
Page Pond	Success
Lovell Lake	Wakefield
Salmon Falls River- Waumbek Dam	Rochester
Salmon Falls River- Baxter Mill	Milton
Daniels Lake	Weare
Bailey Pond	New Boston
Cedar Pond	Milan
Lary Pond	Canaan
Dodge Pond	Lempster
Surry Mtn. Reservoir	Surry
Upper Wilson Pond	Swanzy
Lower Wilson Pond	Swanzy

Jody Connor Memorial Fund



Fund established in 2012 to support volunteer monitoring activities

Winter 2014 grant proposal for up to \$1,000 of equipment were solicited by DES

9 grants totaling \$4,744 are in process of being awarded

Grant Recipients

Lake Sunapee Protective Association
Canobie Lake, Cobbetts Pond, Rock Pond, Windham
Green Mountain Conservation Group, greater Ossipee
Lees Pond, Moultonborough
Millen Lake, Washington
Phillips Pond, Sandown
Pleasant Lake, Deerfield
Rockwood Pond, Fitzwilliam
Winona Lake, New Hampton

Citizen Science
Lecture Series
Summer, 2014

Loons and the Health of Our Lakes

TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2014
6:00—7:00 P.M.
THE LOON CENTER
183 LEES MILLS ROAD
MOULTONBOROUGH, NH 03254

*This series aims to provide citizen scientists
with current information in the fields of
limnology, biology, ecology, wildlife, and
environmental science.*

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Speaker: Harry S. Vogel,
Senior Biologist and
Executive Director of the
Loon Preservation
Committee

- Spring, summer, fall, winter
- Various locations of state
- Venue for citizen scientists and interested public to network
- Still working on fall and winter offerings
- Suggestions for topics to Sara Steiner

Invasive Plant Management

- HB 292 increased boat reg. fee by \$2 and is estimated to result in an additional \$186,000 earmarked for control activities
- 42 control grants totaling \$635,699 were awarded in 2014
- 2 prevention grants totaling \$241,992 were awarded in 2014
- Currently 79 waterbodies infested with invasive plants , none yet in 2014
- 1 new Asian clam infestation in 2013 (Wash Pond, Sandown) (4 total statewide)